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SUBJECT: DUTCH GOVERNMENT DECISION TO EXTRADITE WEST GERMAN
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1. THE NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ON MAY 12 AUTHORIZED
EXTRADITION TO WEST GERMANY OF WEST GERMAN RED ARMY FACTION
(RAF) TERRORISTS KNUT FOLKERTS, CHRISTOPH WACKERNAGEL AND
GERT SCHNEIDER. THE MEN WILL NOT , HOWEVER, BE EXTRADITED
IMMEDIATELY, PENDING A FINAL ATTEMPT OF THEIR LAWYERS TO
SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR THEM IN HOLLAND.

2. COMMENT: MAY 9 HOLDING OF SUPREME COURT (REFTEL) THAT
FOLKERTS' ALLEGED ROLE IN SCHLEYER CASE CONSTITUTES A CRIME
AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE AND HENCE DOES NOT
CONSTITUTE GROUND FOR EXTRADITION HAS HAD LIMITED BUT
SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL SUPPORT. LEADING CENTER-LEFT DAILY
"NRC HANDELSBLAD" QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY OF EUROPEAN CON-
VENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISM ON THE GROUND THAT
IT WOULD REQUIRE ADAPTION OF DUTCH CRIMINAL LAW IN THE DIRCTION
OF THE "ALMOST ANNUAL SHARPENING OF THE WEST GERMAN CRIMINAL
LAW." GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICERS, KEEPING LOW PROFILE AS USUAL,
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HAVE BEEN SHARPLY CRITICAL IN PRIVATE ABOUT SUPREME COURT
DECISION AND GENERAL TREND OF DUTCH PRESS COMMENT.
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